

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
MO11085 AC

VIOLATOR:
Diana and Charles Stephensen
DBA S & S Family Puppies

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Milan, MO 63556

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: February 10, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.11(a) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

You failed to remove excreta and food waste from primary enclosures daily, and from under primary enclosures as often as necessary as evidenced by an excessive amount of feces in all the outdoor enclosures and within the sheltered buildings.

Date of Violation: November 16, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

You failed to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that included the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries for the animals at your facility. In particular, you failed to provide adequate veterinary care for the following animals:

- 1) a female bulldog observed with a reddened and oozing open lesion of approximately 1-2 inches in diameter;
- 2) a male Husky with cracked, swollen, and reddened paw pads observed laying and reluctant to rise who, when roused, walked very gingerly, was reluctant to put pressure on all four paws, and lifted his front paws repeatedly;
- 3) a female Japanese Chin observed not bearing weight on her left back leg which was in a fixed contracted position and toes that appeared abnormal and
- 4) at least two dogs with a large amount of loose stool in their enclosure.

Date of Violation: November 16, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.6(a)(2)(x) Primary enclosures.

You failed to construct and maintain the primary enclosures so that they have floors constructed in a manner that protected the dogs' feet and legs from injury, and that, if of mesh or slatted construction, do not allow the dogs' feet to pass through any openings in the floor. In at least two outdoor enclosures, housing four dogs, the wooden slated floors had openings large enough to allow the dogs' feet to pass through the floor openings.

Date of Violation: March 1, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors).

You failed to establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that included the use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries for the animals at your facility. In particular, you failed to provide adequate veterinary care for the following animals:

- 1) an extremely thin adult female French bulldog with prominent ribs, vertebrae, and an obvious abdominal tuck;
- 2) an adult female Husky with an area of hair loss approximately 3 cm x 3 cm on her right front leg near her elbow and the exposed skin appeared red;
- 3) an adult female Wheaton terrier with an area of hair loss approximately 4 cm x 4 cm on her left hip and the exposed skin appeared red;
- 4) a thin adult female Shiba Inu with a palpable vertebrae, prominent hip bones, and an obvious abdominal tuck;
- 5) an adult male English bulldog with small circular raised lesions that appeared red on the left side of his muzzle and under his chin and patchy hair loss on his scrotum and along his back and
- 6) at least one dog with loose stool.

Date of Violation: March 1, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.6(a)(2)(x) Primary enclosures.

You failed to construct and maintain the primary enclosures so that they have floors constructed in a manner that protected the dogs' feet and legs from injury, and that, if of mesh or slatted construction, do not allow the dogs' feet to pass through any openings in the floor. In at least two outdoor enclosures, housing four dogs, the wooden slated floors had openings large enough to allow the dogs' feet to pass through the floor openings.

Date of Violation: March 1, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.11(a) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

You failed to remove excreta and food waste from primary enclosures daily, and from under primary enclosures as often as necessary to prevent an excessive accumulation of feces and food waste. You failed to remove an excessive amount of fecal material from several of the exterior sections of the sheltered enclosures and from under all of the raised style enclosures.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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